

EXPLOSION ON BRITISH STEAMER

Ship Caught Fire, Terrible Panic Among the Passengers, Mostly Emigrants

MEN FOUGHT FOR POSSESSION OF BOATS

Transfer of Passengers to Other Steamers in the Vicinity Accompanied by Scandalous Scenes—Women and Children Trampled Under Feet of Men Against whom the Crew Used Fists and Any Other Weapon Handy.

Dover, England, April 7.—A terrific explosion occurred early this morning on the British steamer Cairnrona off Dungeness, which wrecked the women's quarters, killing one child and injuring a number of women and children. The steamer caught fire and a panic ensued, and a general fight for the possession of the boats and had to be beaten back by the crew to allow the women to be taken off first. Seventy Passengers Injured.

A large number of the passengers were landed here this evening, many of them in an exhausted condition. In all twenty were seriously injured and not less than fifty were slightly injured by the explosion and in the panic that followed it.

Steamer Carried 900 Souls. The Cairnrona sailed yesterday from London for Portland, Me. She carried 900 passengers, for the most part emigrants, and a general cargo. By great good luck the steamers Upland and Kanawha were close at hand when the Cairnrona caught fire. They stood by and took off several hundred passengers and landed them.

Terrible Panic Followed Explosion. Several of the first class passengers and American gentlemen gave thrilling accounts of the accident. A number of women with children in their arms were sitting on a hatch when suddenly a violent explosion hurled them to all parts of the deck. Some of them were shocked and injured and the child was killed. The hatch was blown to fragments.

A terrific panic ensued, the emigrants, mostly Russians, running up and down, screaming and wringing their hands. Their terror was increased by the volumes of smoke which poured from the burning hold. The captain and officers made ineffectual efforts to calm them and then signals of distress were sent up. In the meantime another explosion occurred in the engine room, injuring several of the engineers.

Scandalous Scenes. The Kanawha and Upland steamed up quickly and the captain decided to transfer all the passengers. This was accomplished speedily, but was accompanied by scandalous scenes. Scores of the men tried to rush the boats and many of them fought with the women, tearing and dragging them aside and even trampling them under foot. The crew battled valiantly against the men, using their fists and any other weapons they could find. Not a few of the frantic mob of men were felled to the deck before the hysterical emigrants and children could be gotten into the boats. In the stampede four persons fell or were pushed into the sea and were rescued with difficulty.

Captain's Report. The captain of the Cairnrona reports an explosion in the starboard bunkers, wrecking the women's quarters. This was followed by several minor explosions. Until two o'clock in the afternoon water was pumped into the bunkers, and the vessel proceeded, reaching Dover at five o'clock. Although it is believed that the fire has been extinguished the steamer will remain here until the morning so that she can proceed in safety.

Piteous Scenes at Dover Dock. The Kanawha and Upland reached Dover with the rescued passengers, late in the afternoon, and the scenes at the landing were piteous. Exhausted by cold and exposure, many of them half-fainted, and others suffering from injuries, they were brought ashore and supplied with food, clothing and medical attendance. Admiral Prince Louis of Battenburg and the British naval officers, lending assistance, the wounded, many of whom were rescued from the burning ship, were being given a dinner party, but they broke it up and came ashore with their guests to attend to the wants of the emigrants.

The Cairnrona's captain is endeavoring to persuade those of his passengers remaining here to re-embark. The steamer, several hundred of whom took the train for London tonight.

WELL-KNOWN MEN HUSTLED INTO PATROL WAGON. Raid on Wheeling Turf Exchange Caused Big Sensation. Wheeling, W. Va., April 7.—The Wheeling Turf exchange, the largest resort of its kind in this part of the country, was raided by Chief Hastings and a squad of policemen today and the place was closed. The raid caused a sensation, for among the players who were hustled into the patrol wagon were a number of men well known in the city. The exchange was closed on charges of conducting a gambling establishment and were held in \$200 bonds. The players were held in \$100 bonds.

The place has been watched by the police for some time. It has operated for twenty years, almost continuously, and has enjoyed an enormous patronage. A city license of \$5,000 a year is being paid by the exchange this year, but the arrests were made under a state warrant.

ASSIGNMENT OF THE CAFE DE L'OPERA. Result of Too Much Distance Between Kitchen and Dining Room. New York, April 7.—Too much time between order and the dinner, the result of too much distance between the kitchen and the dining room, was the cause of the assignment of the Cafe de l'Opera, one of the show places on Broadway, with liabilities of \$600,000. The restaurant was operated at a cost of \$1,500,000, with a chef at \$50,000 a year and a manager at \$100,000.

Antoin H. Meyer, the assignee, is president of the United States Realty and Restaurant company, the owners, and the business will be continued after alterations are made.

GOODS STOLEN FROM PIER Recovered in Two Seizures Made by New York Officers. New York, April 7.—Plunder valued at \$21,000 was recovered by the police today in two seizures, one from the cellar of an East Side tenement, and one from the three dress suit cases of a man arrested as he was alighting from a surface car. In the dress suit cases were found 1,500 watch movements, valued at \$8,000, and in the cellar were found 1,500 watch movements, valued at \$13,000. Four arrests were made.

The goods were stolen in broad daylight some weeks ago from a White Star line pier, when thieves coolly drove off with a laden truck. The names of the owners and consignees were not given by the police.

Cabled Paragraphs

London, April 7.—Surprise has been caused in the sporting world by the announcement that Louis Winans, Sir Martin has been scratched for the City and Suburban race in the English spring handicaps. Sir Martin was the only American nomination for this event.

Marseilles, April 7.—The strike situation here is unchanged, the strikers being encouraged to continue by the declaration of a sympathetic strike by the naval reservists and dockers at Bona. The docks are doing slowly, while sailed with mixed crews of reservists and bluejackets.

Caracas, April 7.—The publication of El Universal, a leading daily newspaper, has been suspended by the police, and the editors, Andres Vinas and Andres Mata, have been placed under arrest, because of an editorial which appeared in the paper, recommending the passage by congress of a new tariff law more in accord with the interests of the nation.

London, April 7.—The house of commons in committee today adopted Premier Asquith's first veto resolution by a vote of 323 to 257. This resolution declares it expedient that the house of lords be disabled by law from rejecting or amending a money bill, but that such limitation shall not extend to bills of a financial character relating to the rights of the house of commons.

DIAMOND THIEF DETAINED IN STORE. Held by Jeweler Until Officers Were Summoned. Baltimore, Sept. 7.—Clarence Howell, who on March 27 stole diamonds and other jewelry valued at \$20,000 from Mrs. Frederick Bugher, wife of the deputy police commissioner of New York, while she was visiting in Washington, was arrested today by police officers. He made a confession to police officials. About \$15,000 worth of diamonds were found on him.

At the time the robbery Mrs. Bugher was the guest of the wife of Rear Admiral Ludlow, U. S. N., retired. Howell, who is a native of Iowa, was employed as butler by the Ludlows. He says that immediately after the robbery he came to this city by electric car and took a train for New York by trolley. He returned to Baltimore this morning and registered at a hotel under the name of J. Moses. During the day he visited the jewelry store of Jacob Gammernan, to whom he endeavored to sell a diamond at a price much below its value. The jeweler refused to take the stone, and the police, recognizing him, detained him until police officers could be summoned.

Washington, April 7.—When Mrs. Bugher, who is still visiting her mother-in-law in this city, was apprised tonight that her jewels had been found, she was much shocked and said she would be very glad to have the stolen articles once more in her possession.

POPE EXPRESSES REGRET Sorry That He Was Prevented from Meeting Roosevelt. Rome, April 7.—Some of the prominent ecclesiastics who were received by the pope today expressed their deep regret that he had been prevented from meeting and speaking with the ex-president, but he gave utterance to no opinion regarding the negotiations, or the deadlock that followed.

The Messengers today say: "In a few days Cardinal Merry del Val has shown discourtesies to the most beloved American citizen and to a gathering of the most beloved persons of Germany and Italy. As long as this young and audacious Spanish cardinal dominates the Italian liberals must be on their guard."

Spezia, Italy, April 7.—Theodore Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt began today the carriage drive along the sunny slopes of the Ligure Alps, the road they followed as bride and groom twenty-four years ago. The day was beautiful. They expect to reach Genoa late Saturday.

Before leaving, the ex-president and Mrs. Roosevelt went to the Hotel Croce di Malta, where they were shown the room which they occupied on their honeymoon.

When they left, the ex-president refused to have a detective accompany them, saying he wished to enjoy entire liberty during the trip. Many flowers were presented to Mrs. Roosevelt.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED For American Dressed Beef and Provision Co. and Interstate Cold Storage Co. Kansas City, Mo., April 7.—Receivers were appointed today for the American Dressed Beef and Provision company and the Interstate Ice and Cold Storage company, both of which concerns are controlled by the same man.

Arthur W. Morse was appointed receiver for Kansas City, Mo., and E. S. McAnany for Kansas City, Kan. The appointment was made because stockholders have disagreed over the management of the concerns. The assets of the Beef company are given as \$450,000; liabilities \$150,000. The assets of the Ice company are \$400,000; liabilities \$40,000.

Thirty Counts Against Tax Collector. Dedham, Mass., April 7.—An indictment of thirty counts charging larceny, was returned by the Norfolk county grand jury today against Clarence H. Dacina, former tax collector of the town of Wellesley. The counts cover specified instances of alleged larceny during the years 1908, 1909 and 1910. The amounts ranging from \$16 to \$250. It is charged that the total amount of the alleged defalcations is between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

Wire Workers Strike for More Pay. Treason, N. Y., April 7.—Nearly 1,000 employees at the Treason wire mill struck today for higher wages. The Treasons employ 500 men in the plant. As a result of the strike the mills are in darkness tonight.

Steamship Arrivals. At Havre: April 7, La Savole, from New York. At Malta: April 7, Patria, from New York. At Plymouth: April 7, George Washington, from New York.

Death of Actor John W. Albright, Jr. Baltimore, April 7.—John W. Albright, Jr., actor and manager and a member of a widely known theatrical family, died today in a hospital here. He was 45 years of age.

Elected President Union Trust Co. New York, April 7.—Edwin G. Merrill, vice president of the Central Trust company, was today elected president of the Union Trust company, to succeed John R. Castles.

Bogus Coin Made in New Haven

CITY FLOODED WITH DIMES AND QUARTERS. Counterfeiting Plant Discovered in Rooms of George M. Haller, 278 Water Street—What the Police Found—Haller Arrested.

New Haven, Conn., April 8.—In the arrest of George M. Haller, alias Alford, Allen and several other names, the police think they have the head, or, if not, one of a gang of counterfeiters who they allege have been flooding the city with counterfeit dimes and quarters.

What Was Found in Haller's Rooms. Haller was arrested for displaying obscene pictures and when a search of his rooms at 278 Water street was made not only were a quantity of pictures discovered, but also a very complete counterfeiting plant. Moulds and dies of excellent workmanship for the making of dimes and quarters and a large quantity of sheet metal were found. Several cameras with expensive lenses were also found with silver threads similar to the ones used by the government in the making of bills and plates for one, two and five dollar bills.

Secret Service Officers Notified. The police experienced much difficulty in securing an entrance to Haller's rooms, and it was only after a search warrant had been obtained that the owner of the premises allowed them to enter the house. After gaining entrance it was necessary to break in the door to get into the room. An effort is now being made to apprehend the passers of the counterfeit coin, and it was necessary to break in the door to get into the room. The secret service officials in New York were notified tonight.

"MY BUSINESS IS SELLING MISSISSIPPI SENATORS." Testimony of Mrs. Neil in the Jackson Bribery Scandal. Jackson, Miss., April 7.—"My business is selling Mississippi senators," declared Mrs. C. J. Neil of Jackson in testifying today before the state senate after her arrest in the bribery scandal between State Senators Dulaney and Bilbo for the alleged purpose of allowing Dulaney to bribe Bilbo to vote for Percy for United States senator instead of the New Brunsweicks. Mrs. Neil said she introduced Bilbo to Dulaney and the latter told her to feel out "the weak legislators" and see which one would be "easily" swayed. She swore she was to be paid "in proportion to the crop" and said that she naturally desired "a big crop."

The examination consisted of questions tending to attack her credibility as a witness. She denied all the imputations. She said she did not think it was a crime to bribe an officer and declared she did not wrong, for the men she sought to bribe were already corrupt. An attempt to get her to name some other senators was voted down by the senate on the ground that the investigation concerned the Bilbo charges only.

MERCURY TAKES BIG DROP. 49 DEGREES IN 48 HOURS. How Ohio's Official Peach Crop Was Saved from Jack Frost. Pittsburgh, April 7.—From 33 degrees Tuesday at 8 p. m. the mercury had dropped tonight to 34 degrees at 8 o'clock, a 49 degree drop in 48 hours. Snow flurries were reported from the western Pennsylvania and a very severe frost was forming tonight.

Wooner, O., April 7.—Ohio's official peach crop has been wrecked by the frost. The horticultural experts in charge of the state experiment station here rushed 100 stoves into the peach orchard tonight and impressed a number of agricultural students to stay up until morning and keep the fires going.

Chilly weather and a light fall of snow last night gave warning of danger to the extra choice Freestones which the state is cultivating for distribution to the farmers.

Norwich, N. Y., April 7.—There was a heavy snowfall throughout Chenango county today. The thermometer fell 35 degrees in a few hours, and it is feared that the sudden cold snap will greatly damage fruit trees, as the buds had been started by the recent hot spell.

UNDER GROUND PASSAGE FROM A NEW HAVEN HOUSE. Premises, It Is Said, Were Used by White Slave Traffickers. New Haven, April 7.—Charles Ross and his wife Mary are today pleaded guilty in the criminal side of the superior court on counts each of harboring a female for immoral purposes. There were several other counts against the two who were alleged to be the leaders of the white slave traffic in this city, but the other counts were dropped. The two first counts charged the attention of the authorities by the attempt of an unknown Italian to poison a girl who had been an inmate of the Ross house on Silver street. A search of the Ross premises disclosed an underground passage from the cellar of the house to the yard outside. Sentence on the two was deferred by Judge Wheeler.

MRS. HETTIE GREEN NOT IN USUAL HEALTH. Supported on Each Side While Alighting from Taxicab. New York, April 7.—Notwithstanding assurances that Mrs. Hettie Green is in her usual health, she was seen to lean heavily on her son's arm at one stage of her daughter's arm at one other when she alighted today from a taxicab to visit her offices in the National Park bank building for the first time in a week. Mrs. Green remained downtown but two hours and then returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wilkes.

Col. E. H. Green, her son, said this afternoon that his mother "had been taking a vacation" and scoffed at the idea that he is to assume the management of her affairs. He will return to Texas shortly.

14 Year Old Pupil Commits Suicide. Pittsburg, April 7.—Rupert Ernst, a 14 year old pupil of the public school in Turtle creek committed suicide early this evening by hanging. His father said the boy often had come home crying because of the jibes of other boys because he was backward in his studies.

Condensed Telegrams. Father Rua, Superior General of the Order of Salasiana, died in Turin. Thirty-Nine Illinois Towns that had been "dry" communities voted to go "wet."

Empress Alexandra of Russia received W. W. Rockhill, the American ambassador. The Strike of the French naval reservists is causing serious inconvenience to shipping. There Has Been Severe Fighting at Priestina, in European Turkey, between Turkish troops and Albanians.

Professor Lowell of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology delivered a lecture on the canals of Mars before an audience of scientists in Paris. The Southern Railway and its telegraphers reached a deadlock in their controversy and Messrs. Knapp and O'Neill were called in as mediators.

President Taft Received a Delegation of fifty business men of Bethlehem, Pa., and during an address to them he stated that he does not believe in boycotts. Chairman Payne of the House ways and means committee refused to call a meeting to act on the Peike bill, which would place cattle and meats on the free list for one year. Books, Magazines and Other Publications printed in raised letters for the blind will be sent through the mails free of postage if a bill introduced by the house is approved by the senate.

Confessed Murder To End Torture

FORCED TO SIGN PAPER TO ESCAPE FURTHER ABUSE. SENSATION CAUSED IN COURT. By Story Told by Man on Trial for His Life—Case Postponed Pending Inquiry of "Third Degree" Story.

New York, April 7.—The statement of a man on trial for his life that he was tortured by the police "third degree" into making a confession of murder, caused a sensation today in the court of general sessions. Glad to Confess Anything to End Torture. Stephen Boehm, who is charged with killing Jacob Velz, admitted signing a confession presented by the prosecution, but said he did so to escape abuse. He said that after being kept in a cell twenty-four hours without food, drink or sleep, he was taken before the head of the homicide bureau and mauled and beaten until he could hardly stand.

"When I was almost exhausted," he said, "I was told a word escape with a light sentence if I confessed. I did so, as I was only too glad to end the torture."

Investigation Ordered. The trial was postponed until Monday and his story will be investigated. HIGH SCHOOL LAD DYING FROM SOLAR PLEXUS BLOW. Twenty Students Arrested in Connection with Prize Fight.

Pasadena, N. J., April 7.—Twenty high school lads were arrested here today and warrants are out for others in connection with the prize fight held on Tuesday night between their schoolmates, Gilbert Trehou and Frank Keiser, both 19 years old, as a result of which young Trehou is believed to be dying in the general hospital here. The boys quarreled over a girl and agreed to fight it out before their friends. Trehou was knocked out in the seventh round with a solar plexus punch. Today he recovered consciousness long enough to ask for a drink of water, but his condition is still critical.

Detectives with a warrant who sought young Keiser at his home early this morning found him missing. They were still searching for him tonight. Of those arrested today nearly all were friends of the principals and the police say that some of them acted as ring officials. They were released in \$500 bail each.

Both lads are of good birth and the unhappy outcome of their quarrel has distracted their families.

AEROPLANES SWEEPING IN GRACEFUL CURVES. Delighted Spectators at Memphis' First Aviation Meet. Memphis, Tenn., April 7.—Aeroplanes, sweeping in graceful curves and darting the length of the three-state fair grounds today, furnished excitement to thousands of spectators at Memphis' first aviation meet. Glean H. Curtis of Hammondport, N. Y., lowered his world's record for speed, starting from a 2-5 seconds, made at Los Angeles, to 5-4 seconds. In the test he failed to break his short start record of 98 feet.

After breakfast the aviator took his wife up for her first flight. Charles F. Willard attempted to lower the accuracy record, but was forced to alight without completing the prescribed course, owing to engine trouble. He will make another attempt tomorrow.

C. M. Mason, one of Curtis' latest pupils, made his first flights in public today. He won cheers for the dexterity with which he handled a four-cylinder biplane.

TWO BROTHERS SUICIDE. HAD LOST A FORTUNE. Bodies of Two Brothers Found on Bank of Missouri River. Kansas City, Mo., April 7.—Financial losses incurred in a partnership brokerage business are believed to have caused the suicide of Nels and C. W. Olsen, brothers, whose bodies were found on the bank of the Missouri river near Kansas City today. On January 28, after a series of reverses on the board of trade, the brothers left their apartments and were not again seen alive by friends. After their departure, relatives said they had announced that they had intended to kill themselves. Rumor placed their losses at \$75,000 or more.

In the hand of one man was a revolver containing two empty shells. It is thought that he shot his brother and then himself.

CRUELTY OF SING SING GUARDS. Story Told by Negro Convict Who Assaulted a Keeper. White Plains, N. Y., April 7.—Frank Sing, a negro convict, who is on trial here for a murderous assault on a Sing Sing keeper, pleaded in justification today that he was driven to his act by the cruelty of the guards.

A favorite torture, he said, was to spray ammonia into a prisoner's cell. Several times he was thus punished, he said, and it was very agonizing. The knife with which he sliced his keeper, he says, he bought from a fellow convict for twenty cents.

Ossining, N. Y., April 7.—Warden Frost left here tonight for Albany, and in his absence nobody connected with Sing Sing prison would comment on Shatira's testimony.

Civil Engineer Kirk Crandall Dead. Ithaca, N. Y., April 7.—Kirk H. Crandall, civil engineer, who was active in building railroads in this and other countries, died here today, aged 64 years. He was engaged in the construction of railroads in the Congo region in Africa, and in Chile.

Negro Appointed Census Enumerator. Spartansburg, S. C., April 7.—The appointment of R. L. Moore, a negro, as census enumerator, has resulted in a petition signed by a hundred or more citizens asking Moore's removal. The petitioners believe Moore's appointment was unintentional.

No Reconciliation with Mrs. Cody. Cody, Wyo., April 7.—In a letter received today, Col. William F. Cody denies the widely published report that a reconciliation had been effected between him and Mrs. Cody.